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8. [REDACTED] After checking with the Acting DDI on the procedure followed in a similar situation in 1969, I called Larry McHugh, on the staff of the Joint Economic Committee, concerning the JEC's request to have the Director appear at an open Committee session next month to testify on the Soviet economy. I advised McHugh of Senator Proxmire's call to the Director, the Director's consultation with Senator Stennis, and our understanding of the latter's contact with Senator Proxmire on the subject with the ultimate understanding that the Director would not testify but that the Agency would cooperate by assisting the State Department in the preparation of testimony on the subject. McHugh was not aware of any of these contacts and thanked me for advising him. I indicated that if there were any further questions to let me know. 25X1

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[redacted] Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say that John Marks, on Senator Clifford Case's (R., N.J.) staff, had been back at State reminding them that the Senator expects to hear from the Director regarding press allegations that the Agency is running deep penetration operations into southern China. I told Symmes we had not overlooked this, but the Director had just returned from an extended visit and we would take care of this soon.

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